

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **May 14, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **31**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Amendment To City Code To Allow Deer Hunting By Use Of Bow And Arrow**

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend City Code (Article III: Weapons) by adding new Section 27-67.3 allowing bow hunting in the City limits.

SUMMARY:

In response to concerns about the expanding deer population in the City, it has been suggested that the City Code be amended to allow the use of a bow and arrow for the purpose of deer hunting. The current code section only allows deer hunting by shotgun. The City would also need this code section added to participate in the Special Early Urban Archery Season in October of 2002. The proposed code section allows bow hunting under the same restrictions as applicable for hunting by shotgun.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

BUDGET IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S):

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Proposed code section 27-67.3

REVIEWED BY:

Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION NUMBERED 27-67.3 ENTITLED BOW HUNTING RELATING TO DISCHARGING AN ARROW FROM A BOW FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEER HUNTING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted by adding thereto Section 27-63.3 entitled Bow Hunting, as follows:

Sec. 27-67.3. Bow hunting.

(a) The provisions of Section 27-67 shall not apply when discharging an arrow from a bow for the purposes of deer hunting within the city limits under the following conditions:

(1) On land that is twenty-five (25) acres or more of contiguous area, and

(2) Used primarily for agricultural purposes, and

(3) The landowner has applied for an annual permit from the chief of police to use his property for this purpose. The permit shall be granted by the chief of police or his designee if the application meets the requirements of this section, and

(4) Any person discharging a bow as set forth above shall, at all times, while engaged in such activity, have in his possession written permission from the landowner to discharge such a weapon on his premises, and

(5) All hunting must be done in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rules and regulations of the board of game and inland fisheries, and

(6) Arrows used for hunting must have a minimum width head of seven-eighths (7/8) of an inch and the bow used for such hunting must be capable of casting a broadhead arrow a minimum of one hundred twenty-five (125) yards.

(b) Discharge of a bow will be from an elevated tree stand.

(c) No person shall discharge a bow within one hundred (100) yards of any building, dwelling, street, sidewalk, alley, roadway or public land or public place within the city limits.

(d) It shall be unlawful to carry firearms while hunting with bow and arrow.

(e) No person shall hunt deer in the city by use of dog or dogs.

(f) Any person engaging in deer hunting must comply with any conditions and restrictions imposed by the chief of police as part of the permit.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective on its passage.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council